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FOR: NOVEL NUCLEIC ACID PROBES, METHOD FOR DETERMINING

CONCENTRATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACID BY USING THE PROBES, AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING DATA OBTAINED BY THE METHOD

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 8, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the Support for the Amendments begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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